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A	JP 55-137208 A (Mitsubishi Rayon Co., Ltd.), 25 October, 1980 (25.10.80), Full text (Family: none)	1-32,45-47
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2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment
of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers
only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.: " $1-20$, 47" and " $21-32$, 45, 46"
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Claims 1-20 and 47 (first invention) claim an invention directed to a porous fiber having a pore diameter falling within a specified range, a fiber product comprising the porous fiber, a polymer alloy fiber having a specified ratio of area occupied by island phase of specified value or greater diameter and a process for producing the fiber product comprising the porous fiber. Claim 21 and, quoting claim 21, claims 22-32, 45 and 46 claim an invention directed to a polymer alloy fiber wherein polymers of different solubilities constitute a layer structure of specified structure, a fiber product comprising the polymer alloy fiber, a method of fiber crimping and a process for producing the fiber product. In the latter claims, the diameter of pores or island phase to be dissolved to thereby form pores is not specified. Therefore, the two inventions do not share special technical features.

Claims 33 and 34 claim an invention directed to a polymer alloy pellet comprised of a polyamide and a polyester wherein the diameter of dispersed polymer is specified. Claims 35 and 36 claim an invention directed to a polymer alloy pellet comprised of a polyamide and a polyester wherein the components of polyester are specified and whose weight is specified. Claims 37 claims an invention directed to a polymer alloy pellet comprised of a polymer, the polymer selected from among polyamides, polyesters and polyolefins, and a polyether-ester wherein the b-value as an index for pellet coloration is specified. Since the use for producing a porous fiber and the diameter of pores or island phase falling within a specified range are not defined at all, these inventions and the first invention relating to a porous fiber whose pore diameter falls within a specified range do not share special technical features. Further, since the polymer alloy pellet comprised of a polyamide and a polyester is publicly known without need to cite references, the invention of claims 33 and 34, the invention of claims 35 and 36 and the invention of claim 37 are different inventions.

Claims 38-44 claim an invention directed to a method of melt spinning a polymer alloy fiber comprised of a scarcely soluble polymer and an easily soluble polymer. Since the diameter of fiber pores or island phase falling within a specified range is not defined at all, this invention and the first invention relating to a porous fiber whose pore diameter falls within a specified range do not share special technical features.

国際調査報告

A. 発明の属する分野の分類(国際特許分類(IPC))

Int.Cl' D01F6/00, D01F6/60, D01F6/62, D01F6/84, D01F6/06, D01F6/16, D01F6/04, D01F6/76, D01F8/12, B29B9/12,

B29B7/46, B29B7/74, C08L23/00, C08L67/00, C08L77/00

B. 調査を行った分野

調査を行った最小限資料(国際特許分類(IPC))

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最小限資料以外の資料で調査を行った分野に含まれるもの

日本国実用新案公報

1926-1996年

日本国公開実用新案公報

1971-2003年

日本国登録実用新案公報

1994-2003年

日本国実用新案登録公報 1996-2003年

国際調査で使用した電子データベース(データベースの名称、調査に使用した用語)

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